



INDIANA EARLY LEARNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Provider Participation and Advancement Workgroup

Meeting Minutes Summary

Date: June 9, 2014

MEMBERS

Kevin Bain

Melanie Brizzi

Charlie Geier

Beckie Minglin

Tammy Veselsky

Alonzo Weems

ADVISORY MEMBERS

John Burnett

Connie Sherman

Attendees:

Mattie Soloman, Dana Jones, Tammy Dant, Jane Myer, Randy Garette, Julie Worland, Melanie Brizzi, Kathryn Raasch, Shalonda Murray, Pattie Ryan

Key Topics Discussed:

1. Structure and vision of ELAC: 2014 Goal is to establish a baseline
2. Alignment of public preschool with PTQ
3. Needed additions to this workgroup: A non-PTQ member, a charter public preschool member, a for-profit representative, IPS, Fort Wayne Schools (Barbara Roberts?), other school systems: Elkhart or Goshen districts, Shelbyville, Center grove
4. PTQ Overview: Melanie Brizzi
5. Currently, Indiana has a complex, confusing system for families to choose preschool programs
6. Level 1 standards can be a barrier to public school participation
7. PTQ is voluntary/Benefits to participation
8. Voluntary Certification Model framework as alternative pathway to quality
9. High priority will be the programs in the PreK Pilot counties
10. Need to market so that providers *want* to be on PTQ
11. Public school is the only choice in some counties
12. Level 1 standards should be equivalent among all early learning programs
13. Forefront message should be wraparound care for working parents; need to establish community partnerships for this

Key Questions Raised:

1. How can this group do its work most effectively?
2. What does it mean to be accredited?
3. How can we get more public schools on levels 3 & 4?
4. What is the total number of preschool programs using Title 1?
5. What is the total number of NAEYC accredited programs?
6. Voluntary Certification Model Framework: What worked well with rolling out that pathway? What didn't work?
7. How do we build urgency? What is the "carrot" for doing PTQ?
8. What community partners can we collaborate with?
9. Is ISTAR-KR info available looking at preschool action going on in state?
10. What about a crosswalk already done by PTQ Committee?
11. Is the Data Coordination group working on capacity vs. population? Can they share that data?
12. How can this group work on identifying gaps?
13. How can we get accurate data to see the full scope and create an outreach strategy for all programs?
14. How do counties intend to find the underserved children?

**Action Steps:**

1. Send referrals of folks who should be participating in this workgroup to Melanie ASAP!
2. Melanie and Dana working on cross-walking the standards for Level 1 of Voluntary Certification with requirements already being met
3. Fill-in "potential barriers" column in spreadsheet (name?) uploaded to Wiggio
4. Create a high-level project plan map / timeline for the work over the next several months.

Next Meeting:

Date: 2nd Monday of each month. Time: 1:00-3:00 pm

Location:

Washington Township Preschool, 1155 S. High School Road, Indianapolis, IN